The Evil Spirit Cast-out.

Being a True

RELATION

Of the Manner of Performing the

Famous Operation or Cure,

ON THE

Maiden Gentlewoman,

Whose Body was Possessed with an Evil Spirit.

WITH

The Carriage and Behaviour of the EVIL SPIRIT, while the Cure was Performing: The several Ways and Means that were used to Drive or Cast-out the Devil out of the Body Possessed. The Contest between the DEVIL and the DOCTOR before he quitted the Party.

ALSO,

The strange Noise, Horrid Cry, and great Blast of Wind, which happened just at the Spirits Departure.

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that, thro' the extremity of her Affliction, ſhe was brought to ſuch a weak Condition, that ſhe was not able to ſtir or move any part of her Limbs or Body, from her Waſte to her Feet. The Maid was brought to my Houſe, and, by demanding and asking ſeveral Queſtions of her, I found that ſhe was *Poſſeſſed by the Devil*, for ſhe could not once name the Name of *God*, *Jeſus Chriſt*, &c. but ſhe would immediately fall into Fits, and be ſtrangely Tormented. I councelled her Father to go to ſome Pious Divine, to make an Eſſay in the matter, and to ſee what his Devotion could do, he anſwer'd me, That he had done it already, but to no purpoſe; for one Doctor ------- the Miniſter of the Pariſh, a Learned, Judicious, and Pious Man, had ſpent ſome time in attempting to do it, yet could not prevail, but was forced to deſiſt, and adviſed their ſeeking Remedy of ſome body elſe, whom *God* might give Strength and Faith to perform ſo great a Work.

This did ſomewhat diſcourage me, yet, for the ſake of my Reputation, I did undertake, and (by *God*'s Bleſſing) effect the Cure. Some there are who are Poſſeſſed, whom

whom the *Devil* at ſome times leaveth, but he never left this Maid, from the time he firſt entered into her. Her Fits generally ſeized her about Nine a Clock at Night, and held her till Eight the next day; in the interim of which, ſhe was horribly Tormented, making divers Noiſes, as Howling, Crying, Shrieking, *&c.* twiſting and turning her Body up and down, rowling about the Room, *&c.* From the hour of Eight in the Forenoon, until Twelve, ſhe would give Reſolution to all manner of Demands, but chiefly if her Mother propounded them. She would tell of Things Loſt, who had them; how and where they ſhould be found, with many other ſtrange Queſtions, which always proved true: I could inſtance ſeveral, but for brevity ſake, I paſs them over. I come now to the manner and method of my Curing her.

The Chamber being made as cloſe as with convenience it could be, I took *Frankinſence*, *Roſemary*, and *Myrrh*, and made a Perfume in the Chamber, which I continued to do till I had finiſhed the Cure: I oftentimes gave the Maid the

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Distilled Waters of *Rosemary*, *Angelica*, and *Marigolds*. When I laid my hands upon the Maid, the *Devil* in her began to strive against me very much, yet I held my hold; and having got her at an advantage, I held her fast, and did very often repeat these words, *In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, I Command thee to come forth*; yet notwithstanding the Spirit was very obstinate. I gave the Maid of the aforesaid Waters very often, and then Prayed again, and as often repeated the aforesaid words, for I resolved not to desist till the *Devil* did leave her; and thus I continued for about Two hours. At length the *Devil* invisibly left her, making a hideous Noise, with a horrible Cry, and raised a sudden violent Blast of Wind, but did me no harm at all: Soon after the *Devil* did come forth of the Maid, she began to *Speak*; and, within a small time after, by the Blessing of *God*, upon such Remedies as I apply'd, she remains perfectly well.

I will relate one thing more, which was generally in the time of her Fits; Three Pins were brought to her, and yet

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but one at a time, and when she receiv'd them, she seem'd to *Rejoyce*, would *Laugh* and *Smile*, and put the Pins into her Mouth, which her Friends took from her, lest it should Choak her, yet she was very unwilling to part with them. They had a Box full of them, for she had *Three* brought to her every Night for a long Season; and that very Night which I cast the *Devil* out of her, something brought her *Two* before my Face. It was observ'd, That while I was performing this *Business* that *Three Women* were seen by my *Servants*, to walk about my *House*, and near the Window, where I did this *Operation*, which we judged were *Three Witches*, who the *Father* suspected, and since *Prosecuted Them.*

Vid. *An Exact Account at large of his Relation, in Doctor* Blagrave's Book, *Entituled*, Astrological Cures, *&c.*

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A Prayer.

O *Bleſſed Lord, the Father of Mercies, and the God of all Comforts, we Beſeech Thee, look down in pity and compaſſion upon this thy Afflicted Servant, Thou writeſt bitter things againſt her, and makes her poſſeſs her former Iniquities, Thy Wrath lyeth hard upon her, and her Soul is full of Trouble, But, O Merciful God, who haſt Written thy Holy Word for our Learning, that we through Patience, and Comfort of thy Holy Spirit, may have hope; Give her a right underſtanding of her Self, and of thy Threats and Promiſes, that ſhe may neither caſt away his Confidence in Thee, nor place it any where but in Thee; give her ſtrength againſt all her Temptations, and heal all her Diſtempers; Break not the Bruiſed Read, nor Quench the Smoaking Flax; Shut not up Thy tender Mercies in Diſpleaſure, but make her to hear of Joy and Gladneſs, that the Bones which Thou haſt broken may Rejoyce; Deliver her from fear of the Enemy, and lift up the light of Thy Countenance upon her, and give her Peace, through the Merits and Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour.* Amen.

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